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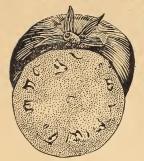
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The "Burbank" Tomato is very prolific and early and what I liked about it was that it was so sweet.

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Though our season is short I find that your seeds produce the surest crop of ripe tomatoes of any plants in my garden. The "Burbank" tomato is the only one that I have found at all satisfactory in this place.—A. L., Edmundston, Can.

I raised 14 bushels of tomatoes from one-half packet of your "Burbank" Tomato seed last year.— F. F., Roxbury, Mass.

Last year you sent me at Romeo, Mich., a package of the "Burbank" Tomato seed which was planted at the same time as the "Earliana" and "Chalks Jewel." The "Burbank" came into bearing three weeks before the "Earliana" and four weeks before the "Jewel." I had noticed in your note on the "Burbank" tomato that it fruited some four weeks before other varieties on the Pacific Coast, but had no idea that in the latitude of Michigan there could be any such variation. I desire to try them out again this summer.—Dr. F. N. W., Hudson, Ohio.

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Your "Burbank" earliest tomato was the best of one hundred varieties that I tested. Of 2000 tomatoes that I planted this year, 1900 of them were the "Burbank," which shows what I think of them.—C. H. N., Roseburg, Ore.

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